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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRECLEARANCE

1. RESULTS OF US/GOC PRECLEARANCE DISCUSSIONS AT MONTREAL
AUGUST 2 WERE FOLLOWING:

A. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PROPOSAL AIR CANADA PRE-
SENTED FOR REINTRODUCING PRECLEARANCE ON ITS TRANSBORDER
FLIGHTS AT MONTREAL WAS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE IT WOULD
CREATE EXCESSIVE CONGESTION. AIR CANADA PROMISED TO PREPARE
NEW PROPOSALS FOR INTRODUCTION OF COMBINED EASTERN/AIR
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CANADA PRECLEARANCE SERVICE AT MONTREAL. ANOTHER US/GOC

TECHNICAL MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15 AT MONTREAL TO CONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS. US AIRLINES CONCERNED WILL BE CONSULTED. USDEL INVITED GOC TO TRANSMIT TO US ANY IDEAS OR PLANS SOONER IF AVAILABLE. EASTERN AIR LINES REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH AIR CANADA BUT SAID EASTERN WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL MODIFICATIONS AT MONTREAL (SINCE THE PROBLEM AT MONTREAL AROSE FROM AIR CANADA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM PRECLEARANCE).

B. MOT DECLINED TO CONSIDER MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO PRESENT MONTREAL (DORVAL) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNTIL NEW MONTREAL (MIRABELLE) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BECOMES OPERATIONAL IN 1975. WE OFFERED TO WORK WITH GOC TO EXPEDITE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRECLEARANCE ONCE

MIRABELLE OPENED. CANDEL PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH US ONCE A CANADIAN POLICY DECISION IS MADE WHETHER TO LOCATE ALL TRANSBORDER FLIGHTS IN ONE OR THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

C. AIR CANADA ASKED FOR A PROMPT US DECISION ON PRE-CLEARANCE AT HALIFAX TO PERMIT IT TO DECIDE BY AN OCTOBER 13 DEADLINE WHETHER TO LEASE SPACE IN A NEW BOSTON TERMINAL DUE TO OPEN IN MARCH 1974. GOC REQUESTED US ADVICE URGENTLY ON HALIFAX AND CALGARY AIRPORT PLANS. USDEL PROMISED PROMPT RESPONSE BUT ASKED THAT THESE REQUESTS BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

D. AIR CANADA RENEWED ITS PROMISE TO PROVIDE US WITH A PROPOSAL ON TORONTO II.

E. CANDEL ASKED USDEL TO PROVIDE NEW DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BASED ON DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST JUNE. WHILE NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN LEFT TO EITHER SIDE TO SUGGEST NEW TEXT ARTICLES, USDEL NEVERTHELESS PROMISED TO PROVIDE A NEW COMPLETE DRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

F. FINALLY THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN EXPANDING PRECLEARANCE TO NEW POINTS IN CANADA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE UNITED STATES. USDEL INDICATED DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO DEAL SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ALL CONCEIVABLE NEW POINTS AND URGED THAT GOC PRESENT US WITH A WRITTEN LIST IN ORDER OF PRIORITY OF NEW POINTS WHICH IT DESIRES PRECLEARANCE IN CANADA OR THE UNITED STATES. WE COULD THEN CHECK WITH OUR AIRLINES AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND WOULD RESPOND AS QUICKLY THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. US OFFERED TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH US AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WHEN REQUESTED. IT

WAS AGREED THAT FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS AT VARIOUS
AIRPORTS MIGHT DIFFER.

2. EMBASSY PASS ABOVE TO GOC AND INFORM DEPARTMENT
PROMPTLY IF GOC HAS DIFFERENT IMPRESSION OF CONCLUSIONS
REACHED AT MONTREAL MEETING. ROGERS

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